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16 to 19 December 1951

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source.
Three usually reliable sources.

3 twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies, and 9 biplanes were observed at Oranienburg airfield. There was no flying.

2. After 10 December, the Materiel unit was preparing to leave the field. [redacted] and some billeting equipment had already left. [redacted] with the advance party of a new air force unit, which was probably to take over the field, arrived.*

3. Between 1 and 2 p.m. on 12 December, there was no flying at the field. There was a 1,000-meter cloud base and visibility was limited to about 3 km. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 13 December, 26 type-27 or type-30 planes, 3 B-25s and 1 LI-2 were parked at the field which could not be fully observed. A type-30 plane without auxiliary fuel tanks [redacted] took off from the field at 10:15 a.m. and landed at 10:30 a.m. After its landing, a tank truck approached and stopped in front of the right engine. At 10:58 a.m., the tank truck moved to the hangar while the plane taxied to the dispersal area south of the hangar.

4. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 6 December, type-30 jet planes practiced flying. There was a cloud base of about 1,500 meters and visibility was good. The planes usually took off individually sometimes at intervals of about 1 minute and flew for about 10 minutes. The intervals between the flights lasted about 20 minutes.

[redacted] they were not equipped with auxiliary fuel tanks. When the aircraft were aloft, a white rod of about the same length as the landing gear was observed behind the nose wheel. The rod which pointed downward was probably an antenna. It was apparently shifted to the rear during the landing. [redacted]

Its take-off was not observed. Two radio trucks were observed at the field. No changes were observed on the radio installation north of Leegebruch-Eden road.

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5. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 14 December, 11 type-27 or type-30 planes, 4 twin-engine planes of an unidentified type, 2 biplanes, and 1 twin-engine transport were counted at the field. Ten additional type-27 or type-30 aircraft were also estimated there. There was flying by two biplanes. [REDACTED]
All the radio installations north of Leegebruch-Edem road were removed. **

* [REDACTED] Comment. The Mateyef unit is the OATB of the bomber regiment in Oranienburg. The information on an apparent transfer of this unit is believed credible. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it may be expected that the bomber regiment from Oranienburg will be transferred to Brand.

** [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms and supplements previous information on Oranienburg airfield. Prior to 14 December 1951, the field was occupied by the flight units of the bomber regiment and an air reconnaissance regiment. The ground units of the air reconnaissance regiment were transferred to Jueterbog. [REDACTED]
The transfer of the ground units of the bomber regiment is apparently in its initial stage.